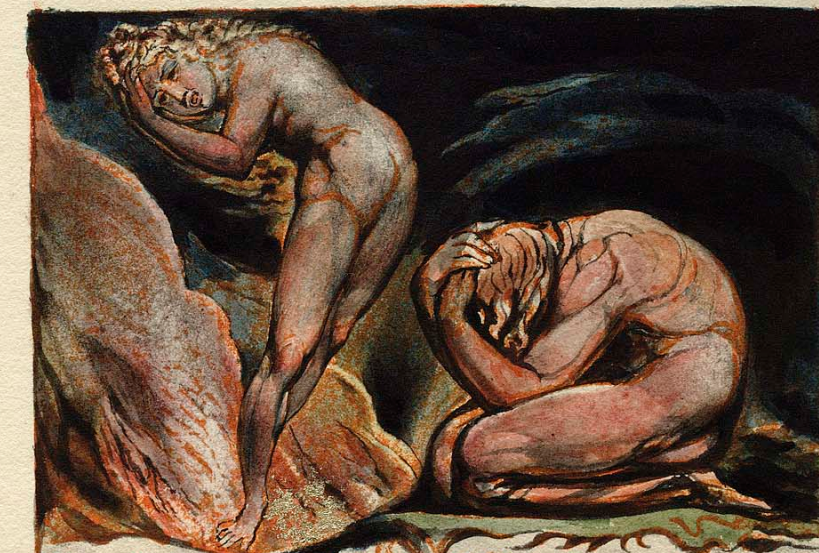




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They call'd her Pity, and Red 11
 11. Spread a Tent with strong curtains
 around them
 Let cords & stakes bind in the Tent
 That Eternals may no more behold them

12. They began to weave curtains of
 darkness
 They erected large pillars round the Void
 With golden hooks fasten'd in the pillars
 With infinite labour the Eternals
 A wool wove, and call'd it Science

Chap. VI

1. But Los saw the Female & pined
 He embrac'd her, she wept, she refus'd
 In perverse and cruel delight
 She Red from his arms, yet he follow'd

2. Eternity shudder'd when they saw
 Man begotting his Likeness
 On his own divided image

3. A time pass'd, over the Eternals
 Began to erect the tent;
 When Enitharmon sick
 Felt a Worm within her womb

4. Yet helpless it lay like a Worm
 In the trembling womb
 To be moulded into existence

5. All day the worm lay on her bosom
 All night within her womb
 The worm lay till it grew to a ser-
 pent

6. Coiled within Enitharmon's womb
 The serpent grew casting its scales
 With sharp pang's the hissings begun
 To change to a grating cry
 Many horrors and dismal throes
 Many forms of fish, bird, & beast
 Brought forth an Infant form
 Where was a worm before

7. The Eternals their tent finished
 Alarm'd with these gloomy visions
 When Enitharmon groaning
 Produced a man Child to the light

8. A shriek ran thro' Eternity;
 And a paralytic stroke;
 At the birth of the Human Shadow

9. Delving earth in his restless
 way
 Howling the Child with fierce flames
 Issued from Enitharmon

10. The Eternals, closed the tent
 They beat down the stakes the cords